

## Alondra Park Tax Refund Plan May Win Group's Approval Tonight

### RECORD CROWD DUE AT MASS MEETING

With a record attendance anticipated, tonight's mass meeting of the Alondra Park Taxpayers' Association in the Civic Auditorium should produce a definite commitment from that organization concerning adoption of the refunding plan as a prime method to obtain relief from the district's crushing tax burden.

Whether or not the refunding idea is approved by the association, the tax strike, launched last March, will continue, leaders of both sides in the controversy assert. Both favor continuing withholding assessments when paying current tax levies.

Altho the association through its executive committee has spurned the refunding plan entirely it is believed likely that the association's general membership will endorse that method tonight. This belief is based on reports from the refunding camp that owners of about 5,000 acres of the 9,376-acre Alondra Park Acquisition and Improvement (Mattoon Act) district have endorsed that method to obtain tax relief.

Starts at 8 O'clock

"We have more than a majority of the property owners represented on the petitions that we will present to the county board of supervisors in the near future," Secretary Pat MacDonnell of the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce, told The Herald Monday.

"At least 70 percent of the owners of property in North Torrance are in favor of refunding the district's debt," he continued. "We expect to have at least 80 percent of both property owners and acreage urging the refunding proceedings before we file the petitions with the county board."

Tonight's meeting, which is called for 8 o'clock, should produce the first complete arguments for and against the refunding plan that Alondra Parkers have heard in the years' long effort to lift the heavy tax burden that has barred development of the district.

Mayor William H. Tolson, president of the association, has stated that both sides will be allowed to present their arguments. Opposing the refunders are the members of the association's executive committee and others who favor continuing the tax strike without any steps to settle past tax obligations and attempt to scale down future assessments. Those favoring refunding, likewise endorse the tax strike as an auxiliary "pressure" to obtain relief.

### 8 Babies Born Here This Week

Eight babies were born during the past week at Torrance Memorial hospital. They were:

- A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William Allen of Wilmington, Monday;
- A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bryan, 25415 Eshelman, Lonita, Saturday;
- A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. George Byrne, Manhattan Beach, yesterday morning;
- A son to Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Drury, 1617 Arlington, yesterday morning;
- A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Edgar, San Pedro, Sunday;
- A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Smith, San Pedro, last Wednesday;
- A son to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur N. Patten, Hermosa Beach, yesterday morning, and
- A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Ruiz, Hermosa Beach, last Thursday.

### Relief Donors of Week Listed

Contributors during the past week to the welfare relief fund being raised by the Torrance Community Service associations were as follows, according to Earl Conner, chairman of the fund campaign:

- Dr. O. E. Fossom
- Southern California Edison Co.
- Leonard J. Young
- Quality Meat Market
- Torrance American Legion
- Boyd Thompson
- Max Pons Co.

The Herald—3 months, 50 cents.

### Herald Want Ad Empties Cellar For a Profit!

Mrs. McElfresh, manager of the El Cajon Court, had a number of mattresses, rugs, a dining room set and odds and ends, lying around in the basements of her courts. She no longer needed them but the money would come in handy for other things, so she decided to sell them.

A want ad in The Torrance Herald costing 60 cents for two weeks quickly disposed of them—in fact, several people went away disappointed. If you have any odds and ends, furniture, etc., why not use a 25c Herald Want Ad and sell to these disappointed people?

Just call Tor. 444 and ask for Miss Lee, who will gladly help you word an effective want ad.

### Nine Candidates Seek Election in Palos Verdes

Nine Palos Verdes residents filed nominating petitions with the county registrar of voters, declaring their candidates for municipal office petitions to be voted on at the incorporation election Dec. 9, it was learned this week. The last day to file nominating papers was last Thursday.

Seymore F. Bergstrom is the only candidate for city clerk and Robert W. Mooney the only nominee for city treasurer.

Seven candidates for the five councilmanic positions are Uric B. Bray, Mortimer B. Moot, Paul A. Reeder, H. F. B. Roessler, W. Hammond Sider, Dennis V. Smith and Victor H. Normann.

The last day to file nominating petitions was Nov. 9. Palos Verdes residents are to vote on the question of whether their district is to be incorporated as a sixth class city. Municipal candidates must be elected at the same time in order that they may take office if the incorporation passes.

Councilmen of some sixth class cities are paid \$50 a month. Salaries of the city clerk and treasurer are determined by the council. Other city positions are created and their salaries determined by the council.

### DEATH DEALS TRIPLE BLOW TO RESIDENT

Having hardly realized the death of his father, N. P. Nelson, 82, of Waupaca, Wisconsin, who was instantly killed in an automobile accident last week, and the death of his mother, Mrs. N. P. Nelson, 77, who died last July, Hans Nelson, of 1675 Gramercy avenue, received a wire Wednesday morning telling of the untimely passing Tuesday of his sister, Mrs. A. C. Stearns, 28, of the same city.

Mrs. Stearns succumbed from injuries received in an accident. Funeral arrangements are being completed this week, and will be held in Waupaca. It is uncertain whether Nelson will be able to leave his work to attend the services inasmuch as he and Mrs. Nelson took a leave of absence last May to visit his family in Wisconsin.

**NAB DRUNK DRIVER**  
Charged with driving while intoxicated, O. H. Johnson, 43-year-old Huntington Beach oil worker, was arrested here Saturday afternoon. He was later released on \$100 cash bail to appear Friday for trial.

The word alphabet is derived from the first two letters of the Greek alphabet, Alpha and Beta.

### Noted Culinary Expert is Girls' Day Speaker



PRUDENCE PENNY has rapt audience

Prudence Penny, home economics director of the Los Angeles Examiner, was special assembly guest speaker at the second annual Girls' Day celebration of Torrance high school today. Miss Penny spoke to an enthusiastic audience on the true art and processes of culinary accomplishments.

Introduction and installation of Girls' League officers for the new year followed, with those taking office including Arlys Fossum, new president; Bernadine Brown, vice-president; Jacqueline Cook, second vice-president; Joan Ranskill, secretary; Jean Yoder, reporter, and Marcia Rous, historian.

Student council representatives who were also installed include Shirley McVicar, Edna Robinson, Irene Gilson, Beatrice Murray, Thelma Buffalo, Tessa Webster, Mina Hornell, Helen Thompson, Felda Briggs, Tillie Trujillo, Margaret Pinkham and Barbara Neff.

Special choral music was furnished by the high school's Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Marjorie Cooke.

Following the assembly program, a luncheon was held in honor of the girls of the school who have distinguished themselves by leadership and service during the past school year. Afternoon activities were devoted to competitive athletics, and included rounds of basketball, volleyball, baseball, badminton, tennis doubles, ping pong and horseshoe pitching.

### Mrs. Murray Home From Vacation Trip

Although disappointed because she was unable to purchase a new car in Detroit because of the recent strike in that city, Mrs. John V. Murray enjoyed a two and one-half month vacation which took her to New York where she visited the World's Fair, Detroit, and Nova Scotia, Canada to visit friends and relatives. She returned to Torrance last week.

### CAPITOL'S BIRTHDAY

One hundred and thirty-nine years ago tomorrow the United States capitol was moved to its present site in Washington.

### Quick Riddance to Sluggishness!

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### SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY

By C. KESSLER



### "Trailer Vagabond" Tours Pershing Park Laclede, Mo.

By WARREN BAYLEY  
Just why it is not the policy of our government to honor its outstanding citizens while they are still alive is something I do not know. That such was the policy—I am positive.

Some eight years ago the citizens of Missouri together with many civic organizations thru-out the country endeavored to establish a national military park here at Laclede in honor of General Pershing, this being his home town. The general sentiment of the people as a whole was behind the idea but a bill to appropriate the necessary funds was voted down in the upper house of Congress. Repeated inquiries brought only the information that it was against the government's policy.

Not to be thwarted, the state of Missouri recently purchased the ground, 1,800 acres, and named it Pershing State Park. As yet it is undeveloped but 200 C.C.C. boys will soon be on the job and in a couple of years the transformation will be complete.

### "No More Wars"

While checking into the park business I dropped into the office of the Laclede newspaper, owned and operated by A. J. Caywood. Caywood is 75 years of age, has operated this one paper for 50 years come next May, has been a personal friend of the General since boyhood and possesses what is probably the most complete file of the General's accomplishments to be found in this country. In looking back through his files I ran across a couple of items that will stand repeating.

One was a statement made by the General at the age of 23 years, home from West Point on a visit, then a second lieutenant. He said to a friend, "I guess I will have to take up the study of law when I get through at

West Point. There will be no more wars—war is a thing of the past."

The other was an incident that happened when Pershing was starting out as a young school teacher. This incident was partly responsible for his home town name of "Lucky" Jack Pershing.

### Dude In Kid Gloves

It seems that a Doctor Spurgeon had written a letter of recommendation to Captain Henley, chairman of the Prairie Mound district school board. Pershing wanted to be a teacher of that school. When he started to drive out to Captain Henley's house, Dr. Spurgeon stopped him. "Better take off those kid gloves before you go in, John," advised Dr. Spurgeon. "It's warm and your hands won't get cold."

Pershing laughed but followed directions. Captain Henley scrutinized his letter of recommendation and asked some questions which Pershing answered satisfactorily.

"Well, young man," said Captain Henley, "you seem to be pretty well up in what a teacher should know, and this letter from Dr. Spurgeon is good. I reckon I'll appoint you—but you came mighty near losing out. But for one thing a young man from Brookfield who was here yesterday would have got the job. But, Mr. Pershing, the dude wore gloves—kid gloves! And in June! What do you think of that?"

"Trailer Vagabond" is sponsored and appears in this news-

### Legion Dancers to Stalk Fowls Saturday Night

The Thanksgiving Turkey Dance sponsored by Torrance Post 170, American Legion, gives every indication of being a huge success, according to Ed Bird, chairman for the affair. This outstanding event of the holiday social season will be held at the Civic Auditorium next Saturday evening, Nov. 18.

According to Bird, a live turkey, duck or chicken will be given away following each dance in the program to the lucky holder of a ticket. However, the grand climax will be the giving of a huge turkey to the winners of a jitterbug contest in which at least one of the contestants must be over 40. Dances to please both young and old will be under the direction of Don Briggs and his 15-piece orchestra. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the local Legion Post or at the Auditorium Saturday night.

### Faithful Dog Dies

ROCKLAND, Me. (U.P.)—Chico, a chow dog who waited half her life for the return of her mistress, is dead at 17. From 1930, when her owner died at a local hospital, until 1935 Chico refused to enter any house—spending most of her time on the sidewalks or at the hospital.

paper thru the courtesy of HOWARD G. LOCKE, fire and automobile insurance agent, 1405 Marcellina, telephone 135-M.

### Modern Styles Contribute to Revival of Needlecraft

#### Believe Itinerant Got Away With Lost \$20 Bill

An old man who applied at a local market for something to eat Sunday morning is believed to have found and pocketed a \$20 bill dropped in the store by Myrtle Swift of 714 Columbia Court.

She reported the loss to local police, reporting that she dropped the bill while paying for groceries. An officer detailed to investigate the loss interviewed the delicatessen manager who said he saw an old man who asked for something to eat a few minutes before, pick up something off the floor.

The store employee said he did not know what the man found. A search of the neighborhood failed to locate the man.

### Coordinators Changing Plan of Service Here

Three committee chairmen were named this week by Judge Robert Lessing, head of the Coordinating Council, to carry out the proposed re-organization of that group. They are Harry W. Slover, adjustment committee; Rev. Thomas R. Marshall, character building, and Charles R. Underwood, environment.

Sources of juvenile delinquency here are to be referred to the committee heads for study and action. Judge Lessing said in explaining the new duties of the group. Organizations comprising the adjustment committee include official community agencies such as police, health, social case work organizations and the schools.

The character building committee consists of reactor and youth group representatives, Boy and Girl Scout leaders. In the environment committee are the P. T. A. units, service clubs, churches and American Legion. Each committee will be assigned to study particular juvenile problems which come within the scope of its member organizations, Lessing said.

Yeags Lose \$300 on Guess CLEVELAND, O. (U.P.)—Thieves, confronted by two safes in a grocery had time to open but one. Their guess was bad. They opened the one which contained no money, neglected the other, which contained \$300.

Lavender and old her Bustles and hoop skirts. What'd they make you think of? The good old days? The gay 90s? When grandma was a gal? Not on your life!

They spell 1940—and they're as modern as tomorrow. At least that's the opinion of Miss Viola Le Mar, needlework instructor at Torrance Evening school, whose class in dress-making, as they were made in grandmother's day, is gaining in popularity every day.

So large is the class becoming, according to Miss Le Mar, that soon it may be necessary to increase the working facilities of the group.

In addition to the renewed interest in a revival of the clothes of yesteryear, students are also showing a marked interest in smart new house and hostess coats, gay new spring outfits and dainty children's frocks, Miss Le Mar explained. One student is even learning the art of remodeling men's clothing into good-looking women's sport coats, jackets and skirts.

Classes, held from 7 to 9 o'clock each Monday and Wednesday night in Room 301 of the high school building, are open to the public, and there is no tuition or instruction charge.

### Builder Says Better Days Are Here in Business

Take Ed Neess's word for it—something is happening in the building business in Torrance.

Neess, veteran contractor, declared this week that he has had more inquiries and has contracted for more home buildings during the past 10 days than at any time since he's been in Torrance.

"Either prospective home-owners have been assured by the defeat of the 30-Thursday pension plan that they won't have to bear an inequitable tax burden or else the approaching holidays, which mean a lot to a home-owner, have made them make up their minds to build," he said at his office, 1601 Gramercy avenue.

The population of Africa is estimated at 139,000,000.

### Wooldridge Herald Circulation Mgr. Writes

The chains of habit are never felt until they are too strong to be broken.

## WAKE UP! CHRISTMAS WILL SOON BE HERE!

Don't let Christmas catch you unprepared! These last few weeks before the great event have an uncanny habit of slipping by before you realize it—and there you are with your whole list to shop for and so little time left. That, of course, means that you must select hurriedly—having to give things you don't particularly want to give.

Why not THIS year start your Christmas Shopping EARLY at Howard's where already there are on display dozens of fine gifts, beautiful gifts, useful gifts... of JEWELRY, of course... the most wanted of all Christmas gifts!

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